

MILLER APPROVES MAKING TRACTION PARTY MEASURE

G. O. P. Bosses at Albany in
Panic, Would Halt Revolt
by Caucus.

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World.)

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—The de-
fection in the ranks of the G. O. P.
over the Miller traction bill is spread-
ing, and it is now hinted that even
more drastic measures are to be ap-
plied to keep the bolters from break-
ing out of bounds. The leaders are
going to resurrect the caucus to bind
the "traitors" by making the traction
bill a party issue.

Gov. Miller himself went on record
yesterday in favor of a caucus. He
said that if he were in the Legisla-
ture he would not hesitate to call for
a caucus and make the traction bill a
party issue.

While this does not read like a ser-
vice of notice on the legislative lead-
ers, a wink is as good as a nod to a
blind political mule and it is taken for
granted that the "suggestion" of the
Governor will be carried out. This
means that the G. O. P. has the
greatest little scrap ahead of it since
the split over the Hughes race track
bill.

The leaders have set up a pro-
gramme on the traction measure as
follows:

The amendments will be consid-
ered by the Public Service Committee
of the Senate next week and the bill,
with the amendments included, will
be reported favorably to the Senate
during the week of the 14th and will
be passed the following week.

All of which means that this will
be done if they have the votes; and if
they had the votes it would not be
necessary to hold a caucus.

Making the bill a party issue would
mean that every Republican member
would have to vote for it, independ-
ent of his location and irrespective of
his wishes of his clients; or be auto-
matically read out of the party. And
it is on this proposition, if an at-
tempt to force a caucus is made, that
the battle is going to start. More
than one Republican to-day asserted
that he would not go into a caucus;
that the old political custom of lash-
ing men to the party mast had long
since passed into decay and that they
would not stand for its revival.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR WON'T
BE LED BY THE NOSE.

A Republican Senator declared that
if the traction measure was made the
law in the face of the opposition to it
from all over the State, the Demo-
crats would elect the next Legisla-
ture.

A member of the Assembly from
up-State said that the people of his
section did not want the bill, and that
he would not only vote against it, but
would fight it on the floor of the
House.

Another said that Gov. Miller might
know the meaning of all the provisions
of the measure, but that he did not;
that the traction companies of New
York City might know all that was
bid in it, but that the people
throughout the State didn't, further
that it was going to take away the
rights of cities in their railroads
and the money invested in them.

Little time is to be given the legisla-
ture to learn what is in the bill if
the programme of the G. O. P. goes
through, for when the bill comes out
of the Public Service Committee there
will be small chance for the members
to study the measure. But those who
are studying the bill as originally
printed are finding "bugs" in it.

For instance, attention is being
called to the fact that the Governor
can summarily dismiss any member
of the Rapid Transit Commission for
cause, or for no cause. The commis-
sion may be composed of three of the
very best men who could be selected
in New York, but if they don't do
what the Governor tells them to do
off will go their heads.

GOVERNOR ALL POWERFUL IN
REMOVING COMMISSIONERS.

The Governor will have complete
control of the commission at every
moment of its existence, which is not
the case in the State-wide Public Ser-
vice Commission. Gov. Miller's pet
commission will be that which is to
rule the traction destinies of Greater
New York, and it is pointed out that
the traction companies have been ailing
at for many years. The bill reads:

"The Governor may remove any
commissioner for inefficiency, neglect
of duty or misconduct in office, giving
him a copy of the charges against
him and an opportunity of being pub-
licly heard in person or by counsel
in his own defense, upon not less than
ten days' notice. If such commis-
sioner shall be removed the Governor
shall file in the office of the Secretary
of State a complete statement of the
charges made against such commis-
sioner, and his findings thereon, to-
gether with a complete record of the
proceedings."

In ten days the removal of a com-
missioner can be accomplished, and
the Governor is made accuser, prose-
cutor, judge and executioner.

On the other hand, with regard to
the Public Service Commission, the
bill reads:

"A member of the commission may
be removed by concurrent resolution
of both houses of the Legislature if
two-thirds of all the members elected
to each house concur therein. A
member shall be removed only for
cause, which shall be entered on the
journal, and shall be served with a
statement of the cause alleged, and
shall have an opportunity to be heard.
On the question of removal the yeas
and nays shall be entered on the
journal."

The commission selected to be em-
powered with the authority of New
York City, and to put the plans of
the Government into operation, may
be removed at any time, and "inefficiency
and neglect" is pointed out,
may be a refusal to comply with the
Government's plans.

On the other hand, the Public Ser-
vice Commission, which is to be ap-

pointed for fifteen years, and which
will succeed to the duties and powers
of the Rapid Transit Commission,
after the latter has established the
Government's system, cannot be re-
moved except by a two-thirds vote of
both houses of the Legislature.

HOME RULE? BUNK! DECLARES HEDGES

Traction Matter So Simple Even
the Estimate Board Can't
See It, He Says.

"Bunk," says Job E. Hedges at his
own mention of the question of home
rule in the traction situation.

Mr. Hedges, receiver for the New
York City Railways Company, was
speaking at a luncheon of the Har-
dard-Coolidge Woman's Club at the
Marie Antoinette Hotel, 87th Street
and Broadway. His subject was the
traction problem.

"Traction and health are two of
the departments of which permission
is given to localities to run them,"
Mr. Hedges said. "According to the
decision of the Supreme Court of the
United States—one of those minor
bodies which, according to my friend
Mayor Hylan, is engaged in a con-
spiracy—this power can be loaned by
the State, but cannot be finally given
away."

"I am a great believer in home
rule. I don't know what it is, nor
does anybody. I suppose it is local
pride. But certainly, we of New
York, when we send to California for
a man to pass laws, can't be unduly
sensitive about this matter of home
rule."

"The matter is so simple that even
the Board of Estimate can't see it."

Meade's Promise of Shoes For Barefoot Ex-Soldiers To Be Made Good in Full

Offer Made During Evening
World Campaign for a
X-mas Fund Not Forgotten
—Same Man Proving a Big
Aid in Service House Drive
Now in Full Swing.

By Lillian Bell.

Here is an example of how one
man is aiding our campaign for an
American Legion Service House.

Mr. James E. Meade called on the
managing editor when we were plan-
ning this campaign and offered to
finance the sending out of 20,000 let-
ters if I would write the letters, which
I did, and the responses to them are
coming back containing checks.

Mr. Meade was good enough to
offer on the last day of our Christ-
mas campaign 6,000 pairs of shoes
for wounded soldiers.

We featured it in The Evening
World, but as it came on the very
last day of our publicity nothing
was done about gathering these shoes,
and except for the gift by Mr. Meade
himself of about fifty pairs, nothing
has been done.

Now, however, I am delighted to

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ex-service man gets from the
Government the full
measure of justice to which he is
entitled, the Service House
which you propose will be of in-
estimable value. I congratulate
you upon the splendid effort you
are making to accomplish this
worthy purpose.

F. W. GALBRAITH JR.,
National Commander
The American Legion,
New York, March 2.

see that Mr. Meade has had the clip-
ping of our shoe story photographed
and is enclosing the last few para-
graphs of my story of his generous
offer in all these 20,000 letters that
he is sending out.

This means that he is willing to
start his drive for shoes for the
wounded and this time push it

through, because I can now direct
his activities into the proper channel
through my column.

We of The Evening World are not
extending "charity"—a word all sol-
diers hate, and rightly too—but
when a man's compensation is from
six months to a year in arrears, what
is he to do?

Reg? Steal? He has to have clothes,
especially shoes, for if he hasn't car-
fare, he walks. Scores of boys have
walked from the Vocational Board
or Polytechnic to my office because
they had not even one nickel for car-
fare.

No. They neither beg nor steal.
They come to us, and we manage
somehow to get what they need.

Only to-day such a nice, shabby
boy in a worn civilian suit and a
trench raincoat came in and wanted
a job.

"Are those the best clothes you
have?" I asked.

He smiled. "They are the only
clothes I have," he said quietly.

"Your shoes seem pretty good," I
said.

Again he smiled and lifted his right
foot. The sole was loose from the in-
step. I don't see how he could have
walked a block without tripping him-
self up.

Do we need your shoes, Mr. Meade?
Let's have a mountain of shoes for
the wounded, and to you will go out
a mountain of gratitude, for shoes are
more needed than clothes.

I am asking the public to send con-
tributions for a service house to take
care of our wounded until the new
Administration can function and take
up its imminent duty in this most
urgent question which confronts it.

The fund, when raised, will be turned
over to the American Legion of New
York State. They will rent, alter, fur-
nish and run this service house, plac-
ing the most competent women it
can secure in charge.

Wounded soldiers will be given pref-
erence. But there will be a dormitory
for transients, where soldiers out of

luck may be cared for.

The fund, while in the process of
being raised, is in the hands of the
cashier of The World and no one has
access to it, nor may touch it, until he
turns it over to the State Commander
of the American Legion, Charles G.
Blakeslee.

As the need of such service house is
so great, send your contributions
promptly to The Evening World's
Service House Fund or bring them in
person to me at room 1125 World
Building.

GIRL KILLS HER FATHER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 2.—Ger-
trude Glasser, sixteen, was held to the
Grand Jury here yesterday on the charge
of manslaughter in connection with the
death of Julius Glasser, her father, who
had been shot in the back. The girl,
according to the police, said she shot
her father with a pistol while he was
attempting to strangle her mother.

Glasser, fifty-four years old, a former
county patrolman, the authorities say,
shouldered all blame for the incident
and pleaded almost up to the hour of
his death that his daughter be not ar-
rested.

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